Morton Grove Public Library

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Library Board names new Director

The Board of Trustees of the Morton Grove Public Library announced, following their December 13th meeting, the unanimous selection of Sharron L. McCoy as the Library's new Director. She succeeds Paul Feil, who had served as Director from 1985 until his untimely death last July.

Ms. McCoy joined the Library in 1980 as Head of the Reference Department. In 1985 she advanced to Head of Adult Services and Assistant to the Director. She has served as Acting Director for the last four months.

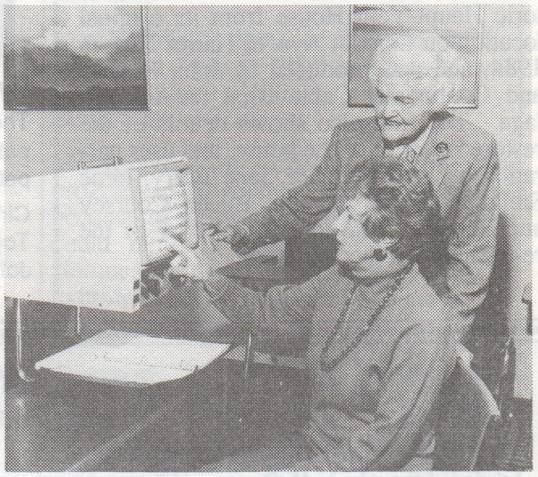
A 1965 graduate of Indiana University, Mrs. McCoy holds an A.B. in Russian language and literature. She earned her post-graduate degree, Masters Arts in Library Science degree at Rosary College in River Forest. As Director, Mrs. McCoy brings to the Library over twenty-six years of diverse library experience from positions held at the Evanston Public Library and the libraries at Northwestern University, Indiana University and the University of Michigan Law Library.

Board President Estelle Cooperman stated, "We were pleased that our Library attracted so many well-qualified candidates. We're even more pleased that we are able to maintain continuity in our programs and services by selecting Mrs. McCoy, who has been a part of the Library for nearly nine years."

Services and resources for the visually impaired

The Morton Grove Public Library recently acquired a V-Tek Voyager, a closed circuit, self-contained, television system for the visually impaired. The purchase of the Voyager, which can enlarge print up to 45 times its original size, was made possible by a generous donation from the Morton Grove Women's Club.

The Voyager can be borrowed by Morton Grove residents for a 3-week period. Library staff will instruct new users in the machine's operation, and handle transportation of the Voyager if necessary. Many important and enjoyable reading and writing tasks can be made easier for patrons with poor vision by using the Voyager. Homework, office paperwork, newspapers, check-writing and personal letters are all possible with the advent of this reading enhancer. For further information on the Voyager, please contact Barbara Todd or Flora Scheel at the Library, 965-4220.



Library staff member Flora Scheel (standing) and Morton Grove Women's Club President (1986-88) Marge McCue demonstrate the Voyager V-Tek low-vision reading enhancer, now available for loan from the Library.

Special Program on BPH services

The Library will host an informal discussion of aids and resources for the blind and physically handicapped (BPH) on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00. Sue Billett from the Suburban Audio Visual Service will discuss and demonstrate some of the equipment available through the Library. The public, especially current or potential users of BPH services, are invited to come and share their experiences, ideas and needs.

Abraham Lincoln program

The Assassination of President Lincoln, a slide presentation by Lewis Mallow, will be shown on Sunday, February 19, at 2:00 in the Baxter Room.

Mr. Mallow is a Lincoln expert and storyteller from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He first presented his wonderful lecture on Lincoln at the Library two years ago. This program highlights John Wilkes Booth and his fellow conspirators, the tragedy at Ford's Theater, Lincoln's death at the Peterson House, Booth's escape and the military trial of the conspirators.

Mr. Mallow is a former teacher who has made Lincoln his avocation. He has photographed various locations where Lincoln lived and worked, and has done extensive research on Lincoln's entire life. His program is a "must" for both students and adults.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Local History news

The Morton Grove Library is pleased to announce that all past records of the Lions Club of Morton Grove will soon be stored in the Library's Local History Room. The Lions Club also donated money to the Library for the purchase of a file cabinet in which to store the records.

Another recent addition to the Local History Room is the microfilm of the *Morton Grove Champion* dating back to 1960. Please ask at the Reader's Service desk if you are interested in viewing this film.

A new videotape entitled ***Our Old House*** is now available for loan from the Library. This video documents the move of the historic Haupt-Yehl House from its original location on Lincoln Ave. to Harrer Park in 1984, and was produced by John Hansen and Continental Cablevision for the village. The film also shows details of the restored interior of the house, and uses narration by Fred Huscher, Jane Barry, Irene Stellar, Dodee Connelly, Eileen Coursey and Barbara Todd to tell the story of the re-birth of this pioneer house.

Circulation Department Staff

The Library's Circulation Department is responsible for charging out all the materials that patrons borrow from the library, maintaining overdue files, handling reserves, and other patron-related activities. Occasionally they even collect a fine or two!

Circulation Desk staff members pictured above are (left to right): Virginia Castillo, Barbara Todd, Chris Johnson, Judy Rinkor, Muriel Alsens (Department Head), and Angel Johnstone. (Not pictured: Geri Jung, Carol Sandre, Catherine Stepke, and Rita Witzgall.)

What's New in the Adult Department

Fiction

Brown, Rita Mae - ***Bingo***
Chacko, David - ***White Gamma***
Cody, Liza - ***Rift***
Covington, Vicki - ***Gathering Home***
Deighton, Len - ***Spy Hook***
Denker, Henry - ***The Retreat***
Durand, Loup - ***Daddy***
Fishman, Sam - ***The Druggist***
Greeley, Andrew - ***Love Song***
Grenville, Kate - ***Joan Makes History***
Hanlon, Emily - ***Petersburg***
Hastings, Michael - ***The Devil's Spy***
Just, Ward - ***Jack Gance***
Kakonis, Tom - ***Michigan Roll***
King, Tabitha - ***Pearl***
Mann, Catherine - ***Rumors***
Morrell, David - ***Fireflies***
Oates, Joyce Carol - ***The Assignation-Short Stories***
Peck, Robert - ***The Horse Hunters***
Tax, Meredith - ***Union Square***
Warmbold, Jean - ***The White Hand***
Wludyka, Peter - ***The Past is Another Country***
Wolfe, Gene - ***There are Doors***

Non-Fiction

Abbott, Elizabeth - ***Haiti; The Duvaliers and Their Legacy***
Alexander, John - ***Catherine the Great; Life and Legend***
Beattie, Owen - ***Frozen in Time; Unlocking the Secrets of the Franklin Expedition***
Brett, Donna - ***Murdered in Central America; The Stories of Eleven U.S. Missionaries***
Ets-Hokin, Judith - ***The Home Chef***
Fitzgerald, Kathleen - ***Alcoholism; The Genetic Inheritance***
Fraser, John - ***Private View; Inside Baryshnikov's American Ballet Theatre***
Harvey, James - ***Romantic Comedy in Hollywood***
Kitman, Marvin - ***I am a VCR***
Mahon, Gigi - ***The Last Days of the New Yorker***
McLaughlin, Jack - ***Jefferson and Monticello; The Biography of a Builder***
Morella, Joe - ***Paul and Joanne; A Biography of Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward***
Sonnenfeld, Jeffrey - ***The Hero's Farewell; What Happens when CEOs Retire***
Torme, Mel - ***It Wasn't All Velvet***

Videos

ET; The Extraterrestrial
Seventh Sign
Three Men and a Baby
Willow

Compact Discs

And Justice for All - Metallica
Big Thing! - Duran Duran
Cocktail - sound track
Dark Side of the Moon - Pink Floyd
Giving You the Best that I Got - Anita Baker
Lady with a Lapdog - Rodion Shchedrin
Loving Proof - Bobby Van Shelton
New Jersey - Bon Jovi
Oasis -Roberta Flack
Reg Strikes Back - Elton John
Richard Marx - Richard Marx
Roll With It - Steve Winwood
Simple Pleasures - Bobby McFerrin
Talk is Cheap - Keith Richards
Tracy Chapman - Tracy Chapman
Two Gentlemen Fold - Bill Crofut & Benjamin Luxon

Night Owl update

Beginning January 2nd, the phone number for Night Owl reference service will be changed to the Library's regular number, 965-4220, instead of 965-4224. This will enable all after-hours callers to be connected to Night Owl without having to know a special number.

Night Owl provides the same type of service as the Library's Reference Department: answers to virtually any type of reference or informational question. The difference is that Night Owl is available after the Library is closed: from 9 pm to midnight, Monday through Friday, and from 5 pm to midnight Saturday and Sunday. The only type of question Night Owl can't answer is questions relating to the Library itself, such as program schedules, or whether or not the Library has a particular book. But for any other type of informational need that arises after normal Library hours, just give Night Owl a call – 965-4220.

Chicago Tribune online

Have you ever needed to refer to an article you read in the *Chicago Tribune*, but you couldn't remember exactly when it appeared, or which section and page it was on? The next time that happens, don't waste your time looking through every issue of the paper. Instead, call the Reference Department at the Morton Grove Public Library. One of the newest electronic databases available for online searching through Dialog Information Services contains the entire text of every issue of the *Chicago Tribune* (since May 1, 1988). By doing a computerized search, we can find that article for you, or find all the articles on any subject you're interested in.

Dialog is a collection of over 300 electronic databases covering virtually all subject areas. The databases include indexing for thousands of newspapers and magazines, with the newer databases, such as the *Tribune* file, including the actual text of the articles. Dialog searching is just one of the many resources the Reference Department staff has at its disposal to help you find the information you need.

"The Loss of Heaven"

A dramatic novel of the American South, ***The Loss of Heaven*** by Ben Greer, will be reviewed by Barbara Todd on Sunday, February 12, and Thursday, February 16, at 2:30.

The story, set in 1964, centers around the powerful South Carolinian Longstreet family: a rich, ambitious grandmother and her four fascinating grandsons — a priest, a politician, a Green Beret and a cat burglar.

This is an intriguing story of the elegant South being forced into change, caught in a turbulent time in American history — come and hear it!

Attention collectors!

The Library needs exhibitors to fill the small adult display case on the main floor. Each month a different collection is featured. Past displays have ranged from miniature elephants to Toby jugs and matchboxes. Virtually any type of collection is acceptable, as long as the items fit in the 6" high case. Please call Barbara Geyer at 965-4220 if you have a collection you would like to display.

Dinosaur Derby

Dinosaur Derby, the school-year-long reading program for 1st through 6th graders, is now in full swing, but it is not too late to join in the fun. Each reader is placed on a team representing a dinosaur. Scoring for books read begins January 3, and the winning team and individual high readers will be given a party after the contest ends in May. For more information, inquire at the Children's Desk.

The Library will be closed Sunday, January 1st, and Monday, January 2nd, 1989.

Happy New Year!
from the Board and Staff
of the Morton Grove Public Library

In the Baxter Room

Travelogues

Washington, D.C., will be featured in a travelogue on Tuesday, January 10. Included in the program will be a film on Presidential inaugurations.

On February 14, we'll take a (filmed) trip to Iceland. The Library is proud to welcome the Consul General of Iceland, Paul Johnson, who will speak about his beautiful country.

Both travelogues will be presented at 11:30 and 7:30, and coffee will be served.

Antiques

James Mowery, owner of the Pennsylvania Dutchman Antique Shop in Chicago, will give a lecture on antiques on Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30.

Mr. Mowery was scheduled to give this program in November, but had to cancel because of illness. We are delighted he could return and entertain us with his antique expertise. The audience is invited to bring small articles for him to evaluate.

An English import and a film of the "American Dream" will be the winter film offerings at the Library.

A Handful of Dust, based on the satirical novel by Evelyn Waugh, will be shown on Monday, January 16. The film features superb performances by Anjelica Huston and Alec Guinness, and is a 1930s story of love and betrayal.

Tucker - A Man and His Dream, the true story of the brilliant, flamboyant automobile designer, will be shown on Monday, February 13. Starring Jeff Bridges in the title role, this dramatic film races along with American dazzle and inspiration.

Both films are rated PG and will be shown at 2:30 and 7:30.

The following groups meet monthly or semi-monthly at the library:

Make Today Count – 1st Monday, 7:30
Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Agoraphobia Group – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
North Shore Prime Timers - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Calendar of Events

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day Library Closed 1	Library Closed 2	Lunchtime Movies: *The Christians* 11:30 3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Travelog **Washington D.C.** 11:30 & 7:30 10	11	Library Board Meeting 7:45 12	Book Discussion 10:00 13	14
15	Feature Film: ***Handful of Dust*** 2:30 & 7:30 16	Lunchtime Movies: *The Christians* 11:30 17	**Antiques** 7:30 18	19	20	21
BPH Program 2:00 22	23	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 31				

February

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5	6	Lunchtime Movies: *The Christians* 11:30 7	8	Library Board Meeting 7:45 9	Book Discussion 10:00 10	11
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Lincoln Lecture by Lewis Mallow 2:30 19	20	Lunchtime Movies: *The Christians* 11:30 21	22	23	24	25
26	27	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 28	**Ongoing Book Sale - New items added weekly!**			

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Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 (Sept. - May)

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